The Marquette County Board of Commissioners met as a Committee of the Whole on Wednesday, August 23, 2000 at 6:00 p.m. in Room 231 of the Henry A. Skewis Annex, Marquette, Michigan.


It was moved by Comm. Arsenault, seconded by Comm. Joseph, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the minutes of the August 8, 2000 Committee of the Whole meeting be approved.

Chairperson Corkin opened the meeting for public comment. None was forthcoming.

It was moved by Comm. Roberts, seconded by Comm. Rapport, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the agenda be approved with the following additions: Item 11) Bid Award for Building 502 at Sawyer – Mold Cleanup; and Item 12) Letter of Support for Habitat for Humanity Grant Application.

It was moved by Comm. Roberts, seconded by Comm. Joseph, and unanimously carried by voice vote that Claims and Accounts for the period August 11, 2000 thru August 17, 2000 in the amount of $2,481,347.71 be approved.

The Committee considered a proposal to combine the Eastern U.P. Substance Abuse Services Administrative/Management Staff with Pathways. The Eastern Upper Peninsula Substance Abuse Services (EUPASAS) has served as the designated Substance Abuse Coordinating Agency for this 8 county region for the past 17 years. The state contracting structure for mental health and substance abuse has been changing to a managed care/competitive bid concept, and every indication is that the U.P. will be bid as one region within the next 12 to 18 months.

In anticipation of the demands and requirements of the upcoming competitive bid, the EUPASAS Board of Directors has encouraged the consolidation into Pathways Community Mental Health. Pathways is a major CMH entity within the U.P. Behavioral Health Alliance. Other CMH partners, Hiawatha and Northpointe, as also supportive of this move. Combining the EUPASAS administrative/management staff with Pathways staff will significantly improve the ability to work on regional solutions relative to the competitive bid process for the benefit of the EUPASAS public provider network. It will also result in more integration of mental health and substance abuse services to the benefit of many of the EUPASAS mutual clients.

It was moved by Comm. Curto, seconded by Comm. Tuominen, and unanimously carried by voice vote, that the Committee of the Whole recommend the County Board support the consolidation of the Eastern Upper Peninsula Substance Abuse Services into Pathways Community Mental Health.

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The Committee of the Whole met on Tuesday, August 23, 2000 they considered a communication from Mildred Menze regarding consideration of a memorabilia showcase. Mrs. Menze, a former employee of Marquette County, was present and explained to Commissioners that she would like to see a companion showcase in the Courthouse to be placed on the opposite wall of the present showcase featuring other prominent county residents. She had gathered significant memorabilia during her tenure at the Courthouse including a 8" x 10" photo with accompanying articles and stories of Dr. Paul VanRiper of Champion, Herbert E. Perkins of Powell Township, K.I. Sawyer, Charles J. Stakel, and Judge Frank A. Bell of Ishpeming, among others. She feels this collection should prove to be of value to preserving the heritage of our County and of interest to a broad spectrum of our fellow citizens. If the County does not want to pursue this, the Ishpeming City Museum has showed interest in these items.

It was moved by Comm. Rapport, seconded by Comm. Curto, and unanimously carried by voice vote, that the Committee of the Whole recommend the County Board direct Staff to review the materials offered by Mrs. Menze to see if any relate to the Courthouse and are appropriate in keeping with the integrity of the Courthouse.

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The Committee considered bids for the addition of an Alzheimer's Unit to the Marquette County Medical Care Facility. The Marquette County Family Independence Agency Board unanimously approved the total project cost as projected from Jordan London, Edmund London & Associates, Inc., Architect and Planners, to include the list from the 8/2000 design and change the first number to $3,102,400 and second number to $25,600 which changes the total cost to $3,676,650.
The Marquette County Family Independence Agency Board unanimously awarded the bid for the alzheimers addition at the Marquette County Medical Care Facility to Premo Construction Inc., and authorized Edmund London & Associates, Inc. to give the contractor a notice to proceed.

It was moved by Comm. Tuominen, seconded by Comm. Joseph, and unanimously carried by voice vote, that the Committee of the Whole recommend the County Board approve the action taken by the Marquette County Family Independence Agency Board and award the bid for the alzheimers addition at the Marquette County Medical Care Facility to Premo Construction Inc., in the amount of $3,102,400, total cost of the project $3,676,650.

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The Committee considered a request for support from the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community for the Michigan Iron Mining Museum. The Museum Advisory Board seeks funding for the museum's Future Historians program – a youth association that learns about history through both classroom and hands-on activities. Each year more than 40 Future Historians also receive practical training and experience as costumed interpreters in a series of living history day camps and special events, such as the annual “Mine Workers Recognition & Family Day” at the Michigan Iron Industry Museum. KBIC support would help provide training, authentic 19th century costuming, and program awareness for Future Historians participants. Specifically, it would be used to purchase historically accurate costuming @ $1,200; develop a library of reference materials to support their training @ $600; and pay for T-shirts bearing the Future Historians logo to enhance identity, community and pride among participating youth @ $700/2-year supply.

Chairperson Corkin explained that he represents the County Board on the Michigan Iron Industry Museum Advisory Board. The organization is State supported on basic operations, but seeks funding for other projects from donations. This program is open to all schools in Marquette County.

It was moved by Comm. Arsenault, seconded by Comm. Roberts, and unanimously carried by voice vote, that the Committee of the Whole recommend the County Board direct Staff to draft a contract with the Michigan Iron Industry Museum by which the museum will perform certain services relating to its Future Historians Program in consideration for the payment of $2,500.00, contingent upon the County receiving that money from the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community.

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The Committee considered a Public Notice from the State of Michigan Department of Environmental Quality regarding Lost Creek of Marquette. Lost Creek of Marquette LDHA, LP, 112 West Washington Street, Marquette, MI 49855, has applied for a permit under authority of Part 303, Wetland Protection, of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, 1994 PA 451, as amended, for an after-the-fact application to construct two storm water detention basins within a wetland area adjacent to Badger Creek for use by the Lost Creek of Marquette apartment development. The basins will impact a total of approximately 3,900 square feet of wetland area, and will discharge directly to Badger Creek. A total of approximately 80 cubic yards of riprap material will be placed within the wetland area. The project is located in T48N, R25W, Section 20, Marquette Township, Marquette County, Michigan.

It was moved by Comm. Arsenault, seconded by Comm. Joseph, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the notice be placed on file.

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The Committee of the Whole met on Tuesday, August 23, 2000, they considered the bid award for the contract for mold removal and cleanup of the interior of Building 502 at Sawyer. Two bids were received and the Air Force is satisfied with the low bidder, U.P. Environmental in the amount of $10,900. The project cost is Airport approved and funded and constitutes removal of all mold contaminated carpet and furniture in the building and a general thorough cleaning and disinfection.

It was moved by Comm. Arsenault, seconded by Comm. Joseph, and unanimously carried by voice vote, that the Committee of the Whole recommend the County Board award the contract to U.P. Environmental for mold removal of Building 502 at Sawyer, in the amount of $10,900.

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The Committee considered a Letter of Support for Habitat for Humanity. Marquette County Habitat for Humanity is in the process of preparing an application for funding for Marquette Habitat for Humanity through the Rural Development program of the National Council on Agricultural Life and Labor Research Fund, Inc. The grant is for a Self-Help Housing Program whereby families work together to build their own homes. The grant request is for financial support to build 12 houses in Marquette County over the next two years. Success in securing the resources of this grant would have a major affect on assuring
success in meeting the goal of building 6 houses in each of the next two years, 2001 and 2002. Part of the
application process is to obtain letters of support for Marquette County Habitat for Humanity.

Marquette County Habitat for Humanity has demonstrated that it can work successfully with the
various resources in the communities it serves and has become a valued organization. It is exciting to see
families move into comfortable and affordable homes that they own, are proud of, and are provided through
their own efforts and the help and support of their community.

It was moved by Comm. Rapport, seconded by Comm. Joseph, and unanimously carried by voice
vote, that the Committee of the Whole recommend the County Board send a letter supporting the grant
request for Marquette County Habitat for Humanity through NCALL Research, Inc., thus expanding the
number of families it serves.

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Chairperson Corkin opened the meeting for public comment. None was forthcoming.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS, STAFF COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Chairperson Corkin announced that David J. Roberts, Marquette County Clerk, was chosen by
the Michigan County Clerk Association as “Clker of the Year.” A well deserved honor!
Chairperson Corkin announced that he, Comm. Tuominen, Comm. Curto, and Comm. Roberts
attended the Michigan Association of County Commissioners Conference in Sault Ste. Marie. It was well
attended, the largest group ever. “Da Yoopers” from Marquette County performed on Monday evening.
It kept all 580 Commissioners, spouses and guests in the seats.
Budget Work Sessions are scheduled for Monday, August 28, 2000 – 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. and
Tuesday, August 29, 2000 – 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. if needed.

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at
approximately 6:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Connie M. Branam
Deputy County Clerk
MARQUETTE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
Wednesday, August 23, 2000, 6:00 P.M.
Room 231, Henry A. Skewis Annex, Marquette, MI 49855

1. ROLL CALL.
3. PUBLIC COMMENT.
4. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA.
5. Review of Claims and Accounts.
6. Proposal to Combine the Eastern U.P. Substance Abuse Services Administrative/Management Staff with Pathways.
7. Consideration of Memoriabilia Show Case.
8. Bids for Addition of Alzheimer’s Unit to the Marquette County Medical Care Facility.
10. Information: Notice of Public Hearing by Michigan DEQ for Lost Creek Development to Construct Storm Water Detention Basins.


13. 
14. PUBLIC COMMENT.
15. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS, STAFF COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS.

NOTICE: The Marquette County Board of Commissioners will meet as a Committee of the Whole to hold Budget Work Sessions on the following dates and times:

Monday, August 28, 2000  -  2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Tuesday, August 29, 2000  -  1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

16. ADJOURNMENT.